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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO PROCEED WITH
THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF TWO GENERATORS
AND SWITCHGEAR WITH A VALUE OF OVER \$250,000
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval for the Los Angeles County's (County) Purchasing Agent to proceed with the acquisition and installation of generators and switchgear for the Pitchess Detention Center (PDC) East Facility.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Authorize the Internal Services Department (ISD), as the County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the acquisition and installation of two generators and switchgear to provide the PDC East Facility with emergency power in an amount approximating \$700,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this recommended action is to obtain Board approval to authorize the County's Purchasing Agent to proceed with the acquisition and installation of two generators and switchgear to provide the PDC East Facility with emergency power in the event of a power failure. The existing equipment has reached its life expectancy and needs to be replaced to adequately supply continuous power to the facility ensuring security and the safety of the facility.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (Department) Facilities Services Bureau is responsible for maintaining emergency power generators at the various Department facilities throughout the County. The existing generators at PDC East have exceeded their expected service life and have failed to provide necessary emergency power. Without adequate emergency power generation, the facility would not have power to keep the facility fully functional should a major power outage or natural disaster occur.

The Department entered into an agreement with the County's Department of Public Works (Public Works) to engineer and design a new power generation system, which meets SCAQMD rule 1470 for environmental permits. Engineered drawings have received plan check review and a permit has been issued by Public Works.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The acquisition of the system and services is necessary to provide emergency power to maintain uninterrupted service for PDC East Facility and supports the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated cost including labor and materials is estimated at \$700,000 which will be funded by the Department's Inmate Welfare Fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Board policy adopted on October 16, 2001, any equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater requires Board approval prior to Purchasing Agent action to acquire the equipment. Additionally, because the services component associated with the installation labor costs may exceed the authority of the Purchasing Agent, Board approval is required to proceed with this aspect of the acquisition.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This purchase will be requisitioned through and accomplished by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's Purchasing Policies and Procedures, established by ISD.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will ensure the availability of emergency power for the PDC East Facility. The proposed generators and switchgear are designed to handle the power load in the event of a power outage or natural disaster.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return two individually certified copies of the adopted Board letter. The Department's contact for the requested Board action is Director William Dibble, Facilities Services Bureau, at (626) 300-3040.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Leroy D. Baca". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Leroy" and last name "Baca" clearly distinguishable.

LEROY D. BACA
Sheriff

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